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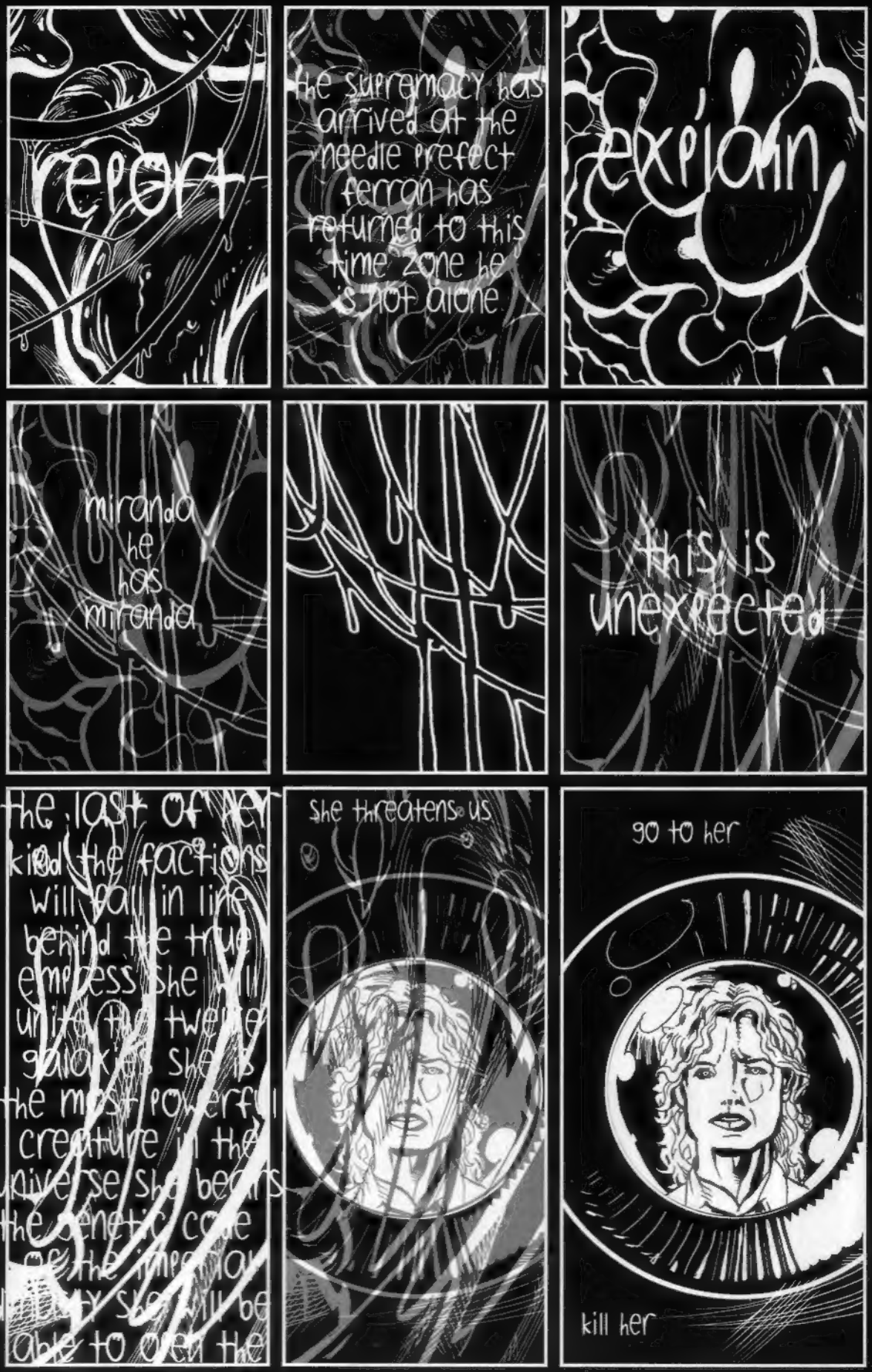

report
the supremacy has arrived at the needle prefect ferran has returned to this time zone he is not alone
explain
miranda he has miranda
this is unexpected
the last of her kind the factions will fall in line behind the true empress she will unite the twelve galaxies she is the most powerful creature in the universe she bears the genetic code of the timeless
she threatens us
go to her
kill her

NEARLY READY. YOU SAID THIS IS IMPORTANT, SO I WANT TO LOOK MY BEST.
YOU HAVE SERVANTS FOR THAT, NOW.
DAMN. IT'S THIS -- THING. IT'S THE WRONG WAY ROUND.
IT'S A PERFECT HOLOGRAM IMAGE OF YOU, BELIEVE ME.
IT'S NOT A MIRROR IMAGE.
YOU LOOK FINE.
SO, WHO'S COMING TO THIS PARTY?
IMPORTANT LEADERS. IT DOESN'T MATTER EXACTLY WHO THEY ALL ARE, JUST STAY CALM, REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE THEIR EMPRESS.
ACT REGAL? I CAN DO THAT.
BE REGAL. YOU'RE THE EMPRESS OF THE UNIVERSE, THERES NO NEED TO ACT.

HAIL MIRANDA !
EMPRESS OF THE UNIVERSE !
ALL HAIL THE COMMANDER IN
CHIEF OF THE IMPERIAL FLEETS !
THE CUSTODIAN OF THE ARTEFACTS !
THE MISTRESS OF THE FOUR KEYS !
THE HEAD OF THE GALACTIC BANK !
THE ABSOLUTE RULER OF THE KNOWN
AND UNKNOWN PLANETS !

ER – HI.
EMPRESS. THIS IS AMBASSADOR VRELGETT PAL, FOURTH LEVEL EMISSARY OF NAN GAR.
HELLO. IM MIRANDA AND – SO –
UM – HAVE YOU COME FAR?
WHY YES, DIVINE EMPRESS. I HAVE CROSSED THE OCEANS OF SPACE AND NAVIGATED THE GRAVITY REEFS TO BE HERE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR OF MY HOMEWORLD?
YES. BUT I ALSO THINK I NEED A STIFF DRINK. I –

I - WOW. THE SERVICE AROUND HERE IS BRILLIANT. WAIT -
IT'S YOU. THE ONE WHO PASSED ME THAT NOTE.
WAIT ! I WANTED TO --
SHE IS EVERYTHING I HOPED SHE WOULD BE.
SHE HAD BETTER BE, FOR ALL OUR SAKES.
SHE WILL NEED ALL THE WISDOM AND DIGNITY OF HER LATE FATHER IF SHE IS TO UNITE THE TWELVE GALAXIES.
HIC!!
SHE IS HER FATHER'S DAUGHTER. THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY.

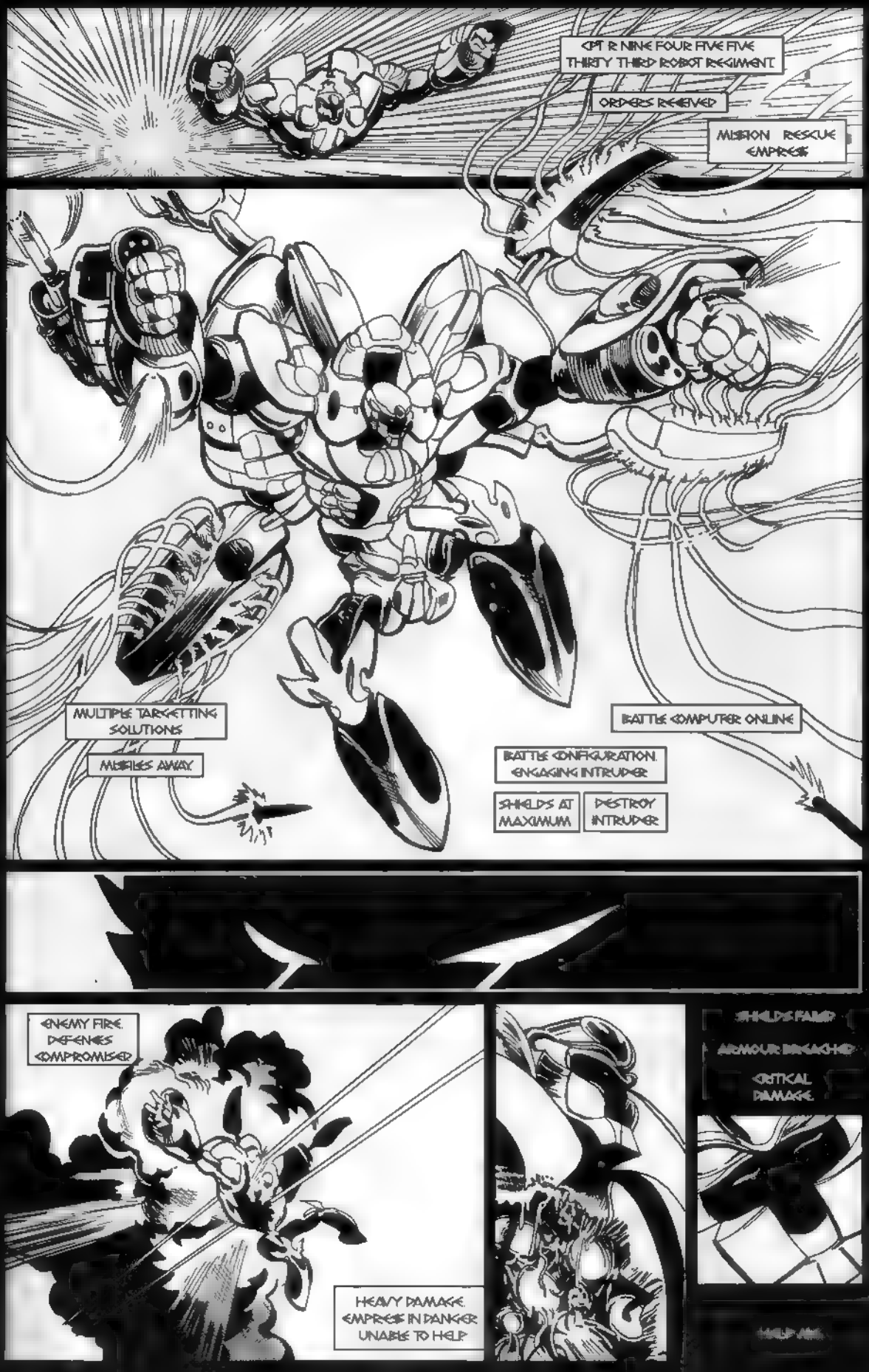
WHOA. THIS STUFF IS STRONG.
KALKRAVIAN FIREWINE USUALLY IS, EMPRESS.
NICE, THOUGH. I'VE ONLY HAD ONE SIR
GO ON. SAY SOMETHING. YOU'RE HERE TO SEE IF YOU'LL LIKE ME AS EMPRESS, SO GO ON – WHAT ARE YOUR FIRST IMPRESSIONS?
SAY ANYTHING.
ANYTHING YOU LIKE
I – LIKE – ER –
UM –
YEAH?
DO YOU NOW?
THE CLOTH THING AROUND YOUR NECK. IT'S UNUSUAL
MY TIE? HA! I THOUGHT YOU MEANT MY – Y'KNOW BOOBS!

YOUR MAJESTY ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE THE DUCHESS OF TALLAKA III
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT MAAM?
SORRY. IM A BIT JUMPY AROUND ROBOTS.
THEY DIDN'T HAVE THEM WHERE I GREW UP
ARE THERE PLACES WITHOUT ROBOTS?
I COME FROM MANCHESTER. IN THE EIGHTIES.
EIGHTIES?
ISN'T THAT NEAR THE ZONE OF LIVING DEATH?
COME ON, LIVERPOOL'S NOT THAT BAD.
OH WAIT A MINUTE. PLEASE HOLD MY DRINK.
EXCUSE ME. I NEED TO TALK TO THAT WOMAN.
TAKING TIME TO THANK THE STAFF?
EXCELLENT BREEDING.

WAIT!
I SAID WAIT!
MY LADY MIRANDA.
NEVER MIND ABOUT ALL THAT
IT WAS YOU WHO PASSED ME THIS NOTE. YOU SAID I WAS IN DANGER. THAT FERRAN IS USING ME AND WANTS TO KILL ME.
HE -- WILL AS SOON AS HES --
AS SOON AS WHAT? COME ON --
NOT HERE.
THEN WE'LL GO SOMEWHERE QUIET AND --
NO. YOU'RE SAFE AMONG PEOPLE. SAFE FROM HIM, ANYWAY.
YOU'VE GOT TO TELL ME MORE THAN THAT.
I WILL LATER. I PROMISE. FOR NOW, GET BACK TO YOUR GUESTS.

SHE SEEMS TO HAVE THE COMMON TOUCH.
YES. IT'S A GOOD
LADY MIRANDA !
AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HEAR THAT?
HELP ME !
NO --
SKYWARDENS PROTECT YOUR EMPRESS !

THERE'S GOT TO BE AN 'ON' SWITCH HERE SOMEWHERE.
YES.
YES !
NO !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THIRTY THIRD ROBOT REGIMENT
ORDERS RECEIVED
MISSION RESCUE EMPRESS
MULTIPLE TARGETTING SOLUTIONS
MISSILES AWAY
BATTLE COMPUTER ONLINE
BATTLE CONFIGURATION ENGAGING INTRUDER
SHIELDS AT MAXIMUM
DESTROY INTRUDER
ENEMY FIRE. DEFENCES COMPROMISED
HEAVY DAMAGE. EMPRESS IN DANGER UNABLE TO HELP
SHIELDS FAILED
ARMOUR BREACHED
CRITICAL DAMAGE

click!

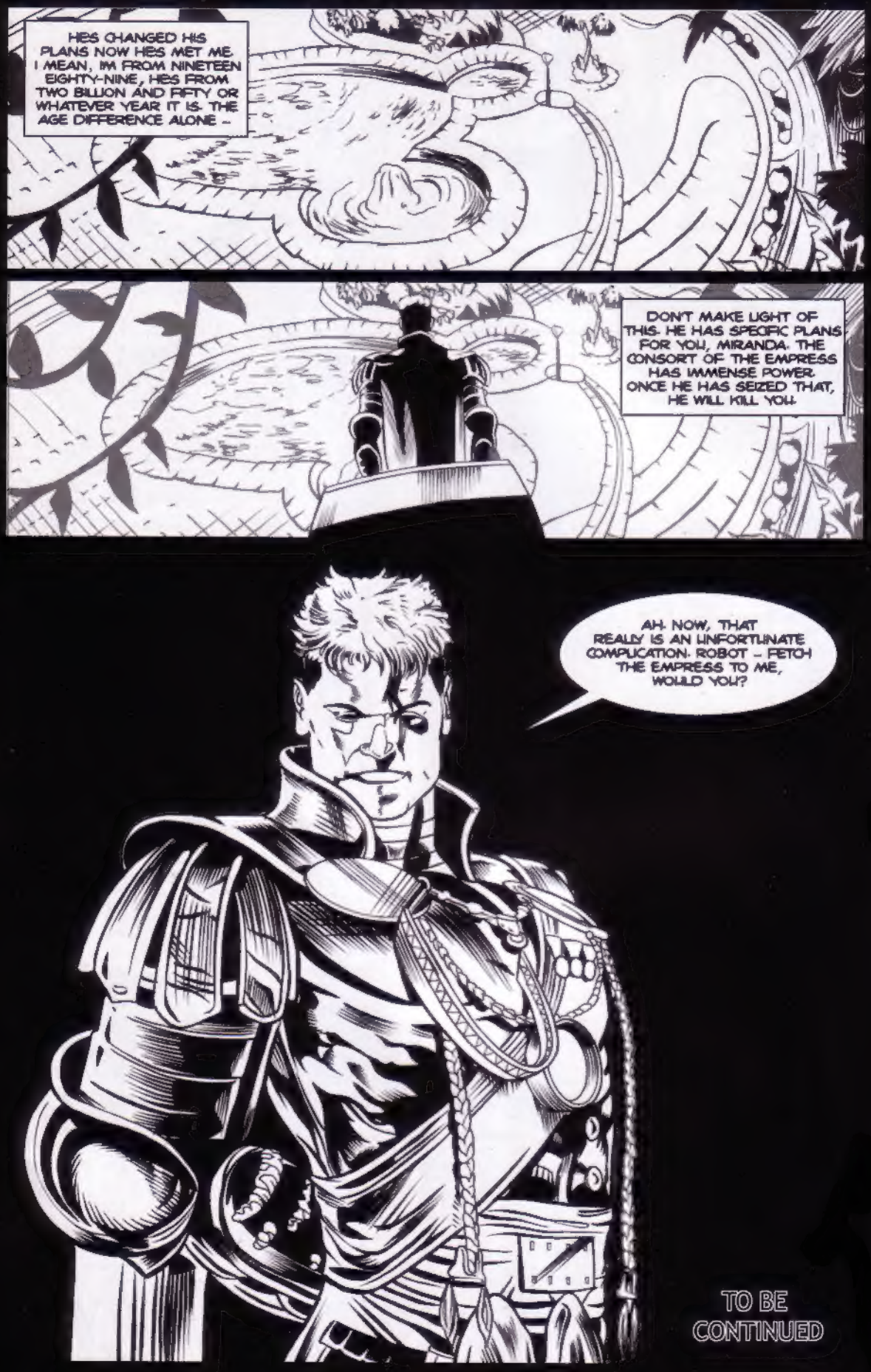
Click!

HEAVY DAMAGE
REQUIRE REINFORCEMENTS
REQUEST REPAIR CREW
REQUEST MIRACLE
MIRACLE RECEIVED
INTRUDER ELIMINATED
I HAVE YOU, MLSE
AND THANK YOU

THAT WAS AN HOUR AGO. SHE IS SAFELY BACK AT THE PALACE NOW.
I ORDERED YOU TO ATTEND TO HER.
SHE REQUESTED A HUMAN HANDMAIDEN TO ASSIST HER WITH HER BATH. A ROBOT JUST SAVED HER LIFE. YOU'D THINK SHE'D BE OVER THAT SILLY PREJUDICE.
SHE SAVED THE ROBOT'S LIFE, AS I UNDERSTAND IT.
COMPUTER, IS THE [redacted]PRESS?
BATHING
SHOW ME
YOU NEED [redacted] A-LEVEL IN COMPUTER SCIENCE TO POUR A BATH ROUND HERE.
YOU HAVE SERVANTS FOR THAT, NOW, EMPRESS.
YOU'RE MORE THAN A SERVANT, THOUGH, AREN'T YOU? WHO ARE YOU? WHY DID YOU PASS ME THAT NOTE?
YOU SAID FERRAN WAS TRYING TO KILL ME. SO FAR, HE'S JUST ABOUT THE ONLY PERSON WHO HASN'T GIVEN IT A TRY.
MY NAME IS KELI.
AND FERRAN WANTS YOU.

TO UNITE THE GALAXY.
NOT JUST THAT. HE'S OBSESSED WITH YOU. HE WANTS YOU.
THAT'S RUBBISH. AND YOU'VE CHANGED YOUR TUNE. FIRST HE HATES ME NOW HE FANCIES ME. WHICH IS IT?
HE'S SPYING ON YOU NOW.
HE'S WHAT?
DON'T WORRY.
DON'T WORRY?!
HE'S WATCHING A HOLOGRAM OF YOU IN THE BATH. NOT THE REAL THING.
HE'LL WATCH THAT FOR HOURS.
PHEW.
HANG ON. THAT'S JUST AS BAD.

YOU KNOW I'M TELLING THE TRUTH.
I GUESS I DO.
I JUST HOPE THE HOLOGRAM USES AS MUCH BUBBLE BATH AS ME.
SINCE HE WAS A BOY FERRAN HAS WANTED YOU.
EVERYTHING HE HAS TOLD YOU IS TRUE, BUT NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH
YOU BRING HIM POWER AND PRESTIGE. ALLY YOURSELF WITH HIM, LIKE HE WANTS, AND YOU'LL MAKE MORE ENEMIES THAN FRIENDS.
PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT YOU AS EMPRESS, BUT NOT AS HIS WIFE.
WIFE?
THE WEDDING CEREMONY IS IN TWO DAYS. THE ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE BEFORE HE LEFT FOR YOUR TIMEZONE.
BEFORE THE TRIP? OH, THAT'S FINE, THEN. ON THE WAY BACK, WE TALKED AND CAME TO AN AGREEMENT. HE SAID HE LIKED MY IDEAS. HE NEVER MENTIONED A WEDDING.


HE'S CHANGED HIS PLANS NOW HE'S MET ME. I MEAN, I'M FROM NINETEEN EIGHTY-NINE, HE'S FROM TWO BILLION AND FIFTY OR WHATEVER YEAR IT IS. THE AGE DIFFERENCE ALONE --
DON'T MAKE LIGHT OF THIS. HE HAS SPECIFIC PLANS FOR YOU, MIRANDA. THE CONSORT OF THE EMPRESS HAS IMMENSE POWER. ONCE HE HAS SEIZED THAT, HE WILL KILL YOU.
AH. NOW, THAT REALLY IS AN UNFORTUNATE COMPLICATION. ROBOT -- FETCH THE EMPRESS TO ME, WOULD YOU?
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